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Amendment To The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for aggregating shipping charges and generating charge-back invoices using a charge-back billing system comprising:

receiving an indication of a plurality of shipping charges each charge from a respective financial institution from a plurality of financial institutions by a first user of at least one vendor, each indication including shipping charge data, a vendor identifier and a shipping charge identifier;

then requesting detail information regarding each of the plurality of charges ~~the charge~~ from the at least one vendor using the vendor identifier and the shipping charge identifier received from the respective financial institution from a plurality of financial institutions referring to the indication;

receiving detail information regarding each of the plurality of charges the charge from the at least one vendor;

storing and aggregating the shipping charge data received from the respective financial institution with the associated detail information regarding each of the plurality of charges the charge received from the at least one vendor;

augmenting the detail information for each of the plurality of charges by adding charge-back fields related to the first user to create aggregated augmented detail information;

providing access to the shipping charge data and associated aggregated augmented detail information for each of the plurality of charges to the first user;

receiving selection data from the first user for at least one of the plurality of charges and associated augmented detail information ~~for the aggregated augmented detail information including charge-back fields related to the first user~~; and

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then generating a charge-back bill based upon the selection data.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

tracking the inclusion of a particular ~~the~~ charge on the particular bill, wherein a subset of charges are included on the particular bill and a remainder subset of the charges are included on at least one additional bill; and

tracking the remainder subset on the at least one additional bill.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving an indication of payment of the bill and tracking a charge-back payment status of each particular ~~the~~ charge included on the bill.

4. – 5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended) A system for aggregating charges and generating invoices comprising:

a processor;

a storage device connected to the processor;

the storage device storing a logic program;

the processor operative with the logic program to perform:

receiving an indication of a charge from a respective financial institution by a first user of a first vendor;

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requesting detail information regarding the charge from the first vendor referring to the indication;

receiving detail information regarding the charge from the first vendor;

storing and aggregating the detail information regarding the charge from the first vendor;

augmenting the detail information by adding charge-back fields related to a plurality of customers of the first user to create aggregated augmented detail information;

providing access to the aggregated augmented detail information to the first user before the associated billing cycle of the respective financial institution;

receiving selection data from the first user for the aggregated detail information including charge-back fields related to the first user; and

generating a bill based upon the selection data before the associated billing cycle of the respective financial institution.

7. (original) The system of claim 6 further comprising:

the processor operative with the logic program to perform:

tracking the inclusion of the charge on a bill.

8. (original) The system of claim 6 further comprising:

the processor operative with the logic program to perform:

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receiving an indication of payment of the bill and tracking a charge-back payment status of the charge.

9. (original) The system of claim 6 wherein:

selection data is received from an automated filter macro.

10. (original) The system of claim 6 wherein:

selection data is received from a user indication including a checkbox selection.

11. – 15. (canceled).

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving a dispute indication from the first user regarding the charge from the first vendor.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the indication of a charge comprises a shipment tracking number, and wherein the at least one vendor is a shipping vendor and the charge-back fields include internal cost-center identifiers of the first user.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

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translating the detail information regarding the charge into a common charge format.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

generating a the charge-back bill based upon the selection data and parsed client information, and wherein the charge-back fields include external client-matter identifiers.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the indication of a charge is received from an E-banking intermediary.

21. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the shipping charge identifier is a shipping tracking number.

22. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the charge-back fields are associated with a plurality of customers of the first user.

23. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the selection data is related to charge-back fields.

24. (new) The method of claim 22 wherein:

the selection data is related to at least one of the plurality of customers.

25. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein:

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the charge-back bill includes the shipping charge data and associated aggregated augmented detail information for each of the selected charges.

26. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first user is providing access to the shipping charge data and associated aggregated augmented detail information before the associated billing cycle of the respective financial institution.

27. (new) A method for aggregating business service charges for a user and generating charge-back invoices for the user's customers using a charge-back billing system comprising:

receiving business service charge data including a vendor identifier and a charge identifier for a plurality of business service charges each from a respective financial institution by the user, wherein each of the business services charges are incurred using a particular vendor from a plurality of vendors;

then requesting detail information regarding each of the plurality of business service charges from the particular vendor using the vendor identifier and the identifier received from the respective financial institution;

receiving detail information regarding each of the plurality of charges from the particular vendor;

storing and aggregating the business service charge data received from the respective financial institution with the associated detail information regarding each of the plurality of charges received from the particular vendor;

augmenting the detail information for each of the plurality of charges by adding charge-back fields determined using data received from the user to create aggregated augmented detail information;

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providing access to the business service charge data and associated aggregated augmented detail information for each of the plurality of charges to the user before the associated billing cycle of the respective financial institution;

receiving selection data from the first user for at least one of the plurality of charges and associated augmented detail information; and

then generating a charge-back bill based upon the selection data before the associated billing cycle of the respective financial institution.